

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Program: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)
Topic: Government spending on threatened species
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Senator Rice asked:

Senator RICE: Where can I find a table that articulates what money the government is spending on threatened species?

Mr Andrews: I could give that to you right now. I have only got one copy, but I am very happy to table it. I usually do, or I get asked for it at estimates.

Mr Knudson: what I would suggest is that if the staff have that when we show up at 1.4, we would be absolutely happy to provide it. Otherwise we can certainly take that on notice and give you those two breakouts for Mr Andrews's office and the area that deals with the recovery plans.

Senator RICE: Thank you.

Answer:

Please see attached table.

Programme	Number of projects	Funding mobilised
20 Million Trees		
Grant Round 1: 2014-15	50	\$3,940,936
West Melbourne	1	\$5,000,000
Cumberland Corridors Grants Round	13	\$4,565,441
National Service Provider - Tranche 1	22	\$16,320,513
National Service Provider - Tranche 2	10	\$7,286,382
Grant Round 2: 2015-16	63	\$4,903,078
National Landcare Programme		
25th Anniversary Landcare Grants	92	\$1,594,500
Tasmanian Devil Conservation Projects	3	\$3,300,000
National Environmental Science Programme		
Threatened Species Recovery Hub	21	\$29,980,000
Threatened Species Targeted Projects		
Commonwealth National Parks	10	\$2,500,000
Targeted Threatened Species projects – 2015	11	\$722,000
Targeted Threatened Species Summit Projects	20	\$6,667,151
National Bilby Festival and Western Ground Parrot Workshop	2	\$45,000
Kangaroo Island and Bruny Island cat eradication	2	\$1,000,000
Threatened Species Recovery Fund – election commitments	9	\$900,000
Threatened Species Recovery Fund – Open Round	1	\$4,100,000
Targeted Threatened Species Strategy Projects – 2017	8	\$475,885
Targeted Threatened Species Projects – Emerging Priorities (TBA 5/6/17)	8	\$1,137,000
Marine threatened species initiatives		
Nest to Ocean Turtle Protection Program	13	\$3,791,877
Raine Island Recovery Project	1	\$400,000
Turtle and Dugong Protection Plan	4	\$5,000,000
Green Army Programme		
Rounds 1-4	642	\$113,462,256
Election commitments	66	\$11,792,812
Grand Total	1072	\$228,884,831

- Amounts listed are the amounts that have been approved and announced.
- Projects were identified by the funding applicant as having threatened species outcomes and assessed against the criteria for the respective programme round.
- Funding is for a broad range of activities, including threatened species conservation activities.
- Funding for some projects is provided in conjunction with state & territory governments.
- A total of \$30 million has been committed for the NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub. To date, 21 projects have been announced with further projects under consideration.